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I just received a notice of the evening lectures at the MBL. If you have a real text for the talk you gave on genetic maps (i.e., the tribute to Morgan and Sturtevant), I'd love to see it.

Stuart Kauffman and I will be working up a proposal for an informal conference (for a max of 20 people) on philosophical and conceptual difficulties in developmental biology. (I don't know whether you know Kauffman's work, but it is of deep and fundamental interest; he has extracted 'generic' (i.e., nearly universal statistical) regularities in the behavior of complex systems in adaptive landscapes that set a baseline for evolution. His analysis of developmental problems seems to me to promise a major breakthrough.) In any case, I'm on the lookout for developmental biologists with a fairly broad theoretical perspective and a good head for working out conceptual issues in informal discussion. I'd like to add some new perspectives to the mix already in hand. Do you have any suggestions?